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*Attorney General Chandler
and Jeff Lagrew,
Director of the
Office of Senior Protection,
display the office's award
for Best Program in the
Southeast.*

Attorney General's Senior Crime College Selected Best Program in the Southeast

The Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging (SE4A) has named the Attorney General's Office of Senior Protection as the recipient of the group's "Outstanding Community Service Award." The award recognizes an organization that makes positive contributions to the lives of older Americans.

The Barren River Agency on Aging (BRAA) nominated the office of senior protection for the crime prevention award. Debbie McCarty, Director of BRAA said, "The Attorney General has decided to take a proactive approach to apprehend the criminals before they are well established in a new area."

"The primary objective is to convince every financial criminal who even thinks about committing a crime in the state of Kentucky, that the odds of getting caught early in the venture are much too great and not worth the risks, stated McCarty.

"We are pleased that that the Attorney General's Office of Senior Protection has made a positive impact in the lives of thousands of seniors across Kentucky," said Attorney General Ben Chandler.

The mission of the senior protection office is to:

- " Continually reinforce the message of crime prevention to Kentucky's senior citizens population; and
- " Provide methods by which senior citizens can be alerted to consumer fraud, con games, and other criminal acts, so they can avoid being victimized themselves and report suspicious activities to the appropriate law enforcement agencies.

The senior protection office has conducted senior crime colleges designed to help educate seniors on how to protect themselves against financial and physical crimes. The training sessions are coordinated with the assistance of local law enforcement agencies. In addition to the crime colleges, the senior protection office distributes the "Helping Seniors" booklet and publishes the "Kentucky Senior Snooper" newsletter.

The member states of SE4A are Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida.

Kentucky Crime Stopper Tops in Nation

The Bowling Green-Warren County Crime Stoppers program, the program coordinator and a local Crime Stoppers board member have received international recognition for their achievements at the 2000 Crime Stoppers International Conference in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. Bowling Green Police Officer Barry Pruitt received the Crime Stoppers International "Coordinator of the Year" award. The Bowling Green-Warren County Crime Stoppers is the first Crime Stoppers program in Kentucky to achieve such high international acclaim.

Each Year Crime Stoppers Inter

national evaluates Crime Stopper programs around the world and awards these prestigious honors to one coordinator and board member. For the first time the two most highly coveted awards were presented to individuals of the same program.

Crime Stoppers International consists of 1160 crime stopper programs in 16 countries worldwide. "Just to be nominated for this award was quite an honor," says Officer Pruitt. "But to actually win the award was quite a surprise. At the international level, the competition is phenomenal."



Officer Barry Pruitt

The program also received a First Place Radio Crime of the Week and a Second Place Productivity Award. The Bowling Green-Warren County Crime Stoppers has aided in solving over 700 crimes in South Central Kentucky since 1989.

Bowling Green Sheriff Elected President of National Sheriff's Association

On June 21, 2000, Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines was named as the 59th President of the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) at the organization's 2000 Conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Sheriff Gaines is currently serving his fifth term as the County Sheriff for Warren County. Gaines is a lifetime resident of Warren County and was first elected to the post of Sheriff in 1978. The Sheriff has served that county since 1978, except for the term beginning in 1982 due to a former term limit rule.

Located in South Central Kentucky, Sheriff Gaines' office serves some 87,000 residents. His office has provided that programs and services, includ-

community with numerous patrol, court security, the D.A.R.E. program, and various others. Sheriff Gaines helped pioneer Warren County's active TRIAD program. In conjunction with TRIAD, the sheriff's office regularly assists the senior citizens in the community with its Safe Shopping Program and other crime prevention programs.

Gaines is a former president of the Kentucky Sheriffs' Association and a past recipient of the Kentucky Sheriff of the Year Award. He is an active supporter of the Kentucky's Boys and Girls Ranch.

An active member of National Sheriff Association, the sheriff



Sheriff Jerry "Peanuts" Gaines

has served on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. Currently, Sheriff Gaines is a member of the Congressional Affairs Committee and the National Sheriffs' Institute Advisory Committee. He is also the chairman of NSA's Budget and Insurance/Employee Benefits committees.

**Attorney General's Senior Crime College
Selected as
Outstanding Crime Prevention Program Unit
by Ky Crime Prevention Coalition**



General Chandler is presented the OAG's award by KCPC President Officer Eddie Miller and Officer J. P. Roberts.

Attorney General Ben Chandler's Senior Crime College was recently recognized as the Outstanding Crime Prevention Program Unit by the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition (KCPC). Since October 1998, the crime college has visited Kentucky's 120 counties making over 10,000 seniors and 1,000 bankers aware of schemes and cons directed at seniors.

Bob Douglas, Executive Director of KCPC, praised Attorney General Ben Chandler for recognizing the disproportionately high crime rate against seniors and trying a new approach. The award recognizes Chandler's outstanding crime prevention/loss prevention unit which has made the most significant contributions to the KCPC community-based program and the crime prevention profession.

Attorney General Ben Chandler stated, "I recognize the value of a well informed consumer. This effort is an effective way to protect one of the Commonwealths most cherished assets, it's senior citizens."

In July of 1998, General Chandler developed a crime prevention program designed for senior citizens known as "the Senior Crime College". Jeff Lagrew, Senior Project Coordinator, coordinates presentations by local law enforcement officials, as well as, experts from the Attorney General's Office. The program is administered by the Attorney General's Senior Protection Branch. The program agenda includes information on telemarketing fraud; home improvement and repair scams; mail-in contest and sweepstakes scams; identity theft; elder abuse; home and personal protection.

The "Senior Crime College" revolves around the slogan "*Aware, Avoid, Alert*". The program involves teaching seniors how to recognize potential crimes before they happen. By making them *aware* of what cons and crooks are trying to do, they are better able to *avoid* becoming a victim. In addition, seniors are taught whom to *alert*, so that law enforcement has a better chance of getting these criminals off the street. The program has also developed a crime prevention handbook Helping Seniors to be used as a resource by seniors.

The Kentucky Senior Snooper

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To share news for senior citizens, please write:

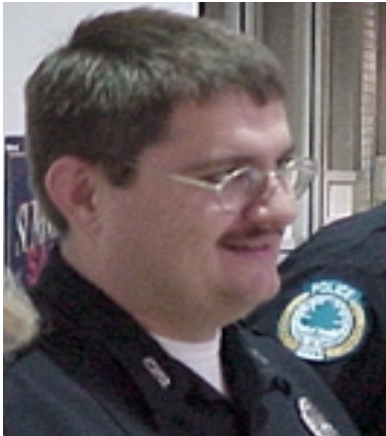
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Seniors Day Out



Officer Greg Samaras was on hand to answer seniors' questions at the Hardin County TRIAD Seniors Day Out.

The **Hardin County TRIAD** sponsored a Seniors Day Out program at the Towne Mall in Elizabethtown on August 30, 2000, with over 300 seniors in attendance. Area senior citizens were provided the chance to educate themselves on crime prevention with presentations from their local police departments and state law enforcement personnel. Attendees also were given the opportunity to meet the local Sheriff and Police Chief "face to face" and voice any concerns they might have regarding their community. The Hardin County TRIAD, under the guidance of Chairman Sam Miller, work daily to get "seniors" involved in the community and to stand up against criminals. Like Sam says, "if this program will help one person" in these two areas - it's worth it!

The **Green River TRIAD** hosted a very successful Seniors Day Out at the Owensboro Towne Square Mall on September 7, 2000. Over 750 seniors enjoyed a fabulous rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home" given by Gary Mattingly to open the day's program. Area seniors were provided with a breakfast, lunch, and crime prevention information sessions by both local and state law enforcement. The attendees also were treated to several different types of music from groups that included, the Elizabeth Munday Choir, Red Bank Nursing Home, and others. Line dancers and a style show ended the very successful event. Look for next year's "Seniors Day Out" which is already being planned!



TRIAD Chairman Larry Abel, RSVP/TRIAD's Alie Poehlin, and Green River Area Development Districts' Vivian Craig and Brenda Kennedy helped to make the Green River TRIAD's Seniors Day Out a success.



(Top Row) BGPD Off. Tom Forte, Warren Co. Dep. Sheriff Roger Osborne, Barren River ADD's Michelle Hines, BGPD Off. Barry Pruitt, Warren Co. Sheriff Jerry Gaines, (Bottom Row) BGPD Sgt. Bill Key, TRIAD Chairman Dr. Cook, and TRIAD's Edna Hawkins, are just some of the team to make Bowling Green/Warren County's Seniors Day Out a realization.

The **Bowling Green/Warren County TRIAD** held a Seniors Day Out at Bowling Green's Greenwood Mall on September 13, 2000. The event provided over 350 seniors with a crime prevention program that discussed several important topics. Attendees from South Central Kentucky were educated on issues like, long term care insurance, financial fraud, identity theft, home improvement scams, along with many others. Seniors were also treated to refreshments and discount coupons for shopping throughout the mall's various stores. To end an eventful day participants enjoyed entertainment for the afternoon providing the a splendid "finishing touch" on a wonderful Seniors Day Out.

Seniors Days Out

The **Louisville TRIAD** sponsored a Seniors Day Out at the Oxmoor Center on October 3, 2000. Over 1,000 seniors from the Louisville Metropolitan area attended. Crime prevention presentations were given by speakers from both state and local law enforcement agencies, local fire departments, the area Better Business Bureau, and other service providers on many different aspects while senior citizens enjoyed their breakfast and lunch at the mall. Also, participants were able to hear about two other important issues of long term care insurance and fire safety. Oxmoor Center provided attendees with special discounts from it many retailers. Many seniors took time to rest from their shopping to hear the soulful entertainment provided by the Rhythm and Blues Band. Look for Louisville TRIAD to sponsor this successful event annually.



Sgt. Schellenberger, TRIAD Chairman Irv Lipetz, Off. Crystal Marlowe, Off. Terra Long, and Lt. Barron Combs share a moment at Louisville TRIAD's Seniors Day Out.



Officer Rita Noble and KCPC Executive Director Bob Douglas helped present the KCPC Seniors Day Out in Ashland.

The **Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition (KCPC)** sponsored a very successful Seniors Day Out at the Ashland Town Center on October 18, 2000. The question of the day was "will the 'Seniors Day Out' of Ashland be back again next year?" Over 450 seniors from North Eastern Kentucky who attended, answered that question with a resounding YES! This event included several presentations on crime prevention, long term care insurance, and fire safety by its local and state law enforcement personnel. The seniors were also provided with some very beneficial free services including, blood pressure checks, strength tests, glucose checks, as well as entertainment and food. All participants kept busy taking advantage of the opportunities until after close of the program at 4 p.m. that afternoon.

The **Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition (KCPC)** in conjunction with St. Luke Hospital and the Florence Mall hosted the final 2000 Seniors Day Out on October 20, 2000. Some valuable information was provided in the crime prevention program given by several local police departments with the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General and the state's Department of Insurance. Seniors from Northern Kentucky took advantage of the opportunity to learn firsthand about long term care insurance and fire safety, while getting a free blood pressure check. The final Seniors Day Out in Florence ended a very successful calendar of events for the year 2000 in a very fitting manner!



Officer David Tobergte and KCPC Executive Director Bob Douglas discuss the day's activities at KCPC's Florence Seniors Day Out.

The Ky Crime Prevention Coalition is now offering Associate membership for citizens who are interested and have concerns about preventing crime. The KCPC is a joint effort of law enforcement, government, business, and educational agencies to improve the quality of life by preventing crime.

For more information on KCPC membership, contact Officer Edward Miller toll free at 1-888-798-5272.

Meet Centenarian Dora Simpson Mattingly

Dora Simpson was welcomed into the world on January 2, 1892, in the community of Harrodsburg, the county seat of Mercer County. Soon after, Dora moved to Bardstown, Kentucky, with her family.

She met and married George W. Mattingly and began a happy family. Not long after their marriage, George and Dora started a sprawling happy family of 7 children. Among her seven children were four boys – Charles, James, Huey, and Raleigh; and three girls – Lucy, Katherine and Ruby. Dora and George had several grandchildren that Dora is quite proud to share with visitors. She lost George in 1941.

Mrs. Mattingly worked most of her life at one of Bardstown's many distilleries. Dora was an



Dora Simpson Mattingly, shown here with friend Doris Wheeler, receives flowers from Attorney General Chandler.

her 108 years. Many agencies throughout the state recently recognized her by honoring her with a Kentucky Colonel, a Kentucky Centenarian award, and Hardin County's Outstanding Citizen Award. She is a beautiful lady who brightens up the lives of the many friends and individuals she encounters in Hardin County.

Memories from Three Centuries

employee of George T. Skaggs Whiskey Distillery. She worked at the distillery several years until its purchase by another distiller, Ireland's United Distillers and Vintners S. A.

Dora Simpson Mattingly has lived a very eventful life, and often shares numerous stories with her family and friends at her nursing home in Elizabethtown regarding the many wars, presidents, and changes she has seen over

Know Anyone Who has lived in 3 Centuries?

The Senior Snooper is looking for people, born in the 1800's. **Send us their names & addresses.** We're sending out special greetings and want to include them. Mail to: **Office of the Attorney General, Office of Senior Protection, 700 Capitol Avenue, Frankfort, KY 40601 Attn: Whitney Hale**

Seniors Day Out

The **Hopkinsville/Christian County CRIMESTOPPERS** held a Seniors Day Out at the Bradford Square Mall on September 20, 2000. The crime prevention program gave the attendees an opportunity to hear speakers from local law enforcement agencies, the Attorney General's Office, as well as, other various state and local officials. The day long program hosted by the Mall and Crimestoppers provided over 300 "Pennyryle" senior citizens the chance to get many of their important questions answered in a very open environment. Due to the success of this program, plans are already being discussed to make this an annual event for the areas many seniors.



Christian County Sheriff Billy Gloyd presents vital information on crime prevention.

DATES TO REMEMBER

<u>Name of Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S SENIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL	Berry Hill Mansion Frankfort	December 12, 2000 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Roberta Merideth at 502/696-5610.

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25, 2000
**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Kentucky Attorney General's
Office of Senior Protection!**

SENIOR CRIME COLLEGE	Central Baptist Church Corbin	March 13, 2001 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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For more information regarding this event, please contact Margaret Flowers at 606/528-1046.

KAG CONFERENCE	Paintsville	April 16 - 18, 2001
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For more information regarding these events, please contact Rhonda Davis at 606/269-8021.

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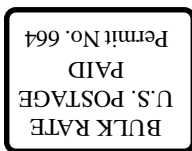
For more information regarding this event, please contact Marie Harding at 270/442-8993.

SENIORS DAY OUT	Somerset	May 9, 2001
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For more information regarding this event, please contact Irene Vertrees at 606/678-5001.

SENIORS DAY OUT	Lexington	May 16, 2001
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For more information regarding this event, please contact Carol Ballard at 859/252-1771.



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Kentucky Senior Snooper **Senior Athletes Excel at the Kentucky Senior Games**



The Kentucky Senior Games was held September 21st - 24th in Elizabethtown. This year's participants came from all over Kentucky and several other states. The event, hosted by Lincoln Trail Area Development District, included 538 athletes competing in a total of 65 events. The oldest participant was a 93 year old bowler from Oklahoma.



Qualifiers from Kentucky's Senior Games will compete at Nationals in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, during the summer of 2001. National qualifying events at Kentucky's Senior Games 2000 included, badminton, basketball, bowling, cycling, golf, racquetball, horseshoes, race walking, 5kRun, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track and field.



The Commonwealth began hosting the games in 1988. To compete, athletes must be 50 or older. Not only do the games offer the events qualifying athletes for the National Senior Games, there are a number of other fun activities at Kentucky's Games such as, croquet, disc golf, washer toss, and others. For more information, you can contact **NANCY ADDINGTON** at **502/769-2393**.